

Outdoor Report

The week of April 20th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"

- Anglers are reminded that only one walleye 20 inches or longer can be kept in their daily limit.
- We are now accepting applications for the following seasons:
 - Custer Any Elk
 - Custer Early Archery Elk
 - Black Hills Elk
 - Archery Elk
 - Prairie Elk
 - Bighorn Sheep
 - Mountain Goat
 - Archery Paddlefish
 - Snagging Paddlefish (Gavin's Point)
 - Applications must be postmarked by May 22nd and online applications will be taken until 8am CDT May 27th.

Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike, catfish and walleye. Most of the walleye being caught are below 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. **Reminder: walleye need to be 15 inches or longer.**

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike and the occasional walleye. The walleye bite has been slow.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14 to 16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge, Weismantel Grade and the state line bridge.

Elm River: Fishing has been slow. Not much water flow in the river at this time.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are catching an occasional walleye.

Antelope Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few walleye. Most are less than 14 inches, but a few larger fish are being caught.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and an occasional walleye.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye, with the occasional 20+ inch fish.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: On nice days, there are anglers trying all access areas on Pelican Lake, but there's still not much activity except for northerns being caught on the east end by the boat ramp.

Lake Kampeska: Anglers have still been flocking to the Lunkers area in the evenings. The bite was a bit slower this week, but still a good opportunity to catch a large pike or walleye.

Dry Lake: The east end of the lake north of the boat ramp has been a popular wader fishing spot. Anglers are reporting a good walleye bite in the evenings.

Goose Lake: Goose Lake traffic has slowed due to all the windy days, however; the Grover road is still offering up some good walleye in the 15 inch range.

Long Lake: A few shore fishermen in the evenings with reports of nice walleye being caught.

Grass Lake: We have seen some shore fishing activity both along highway 20 and by the boat ramp this week. Anglers are catching some walleye in the 18 inch range.

3rd Ave Pond: The new fishing pier has been moved by the wind. The pier is currently roped off so it cannot be used. Crew will be working to get that back in useable condition ASAP.

Stink: No angler traffic.

Blythe Slough: The shore fishing we had on Blythe a couple weeks ago has subsided.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Fishing pressure significantly increased this past weekend from shore and boats. Anglers seem to be catching a few nice walleye with the occasional perch.

Waubay: Anglers continue to fish by the Grenville grade with success catching walleye, northern pike and white bass. Anglers seem to be having the best luck pitching jigs and minnows.

Reetz: Observed approximately 4 to 5 boats this weekend at the ramps. Anglers are catching a few crappies.

Lynn: Boating pressure has picked up with anglers starting to catch some walleye.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching some nice crappie and a few bass in Church Bay.



Hunting Report:

Goose: Most of the snow geese have pushed through the area. Small Pockets can still be found throughout the county.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Anglers are finding a lot of success for northern pike. The walleye bite has been inconsistent. The few walleye that are being caught are primarily after dark.

Lake Cochrane: A few largemouth bass and crappie are being caught.

Lake Oliver: No report of activity.

Lake Ketchum: No fishing activity.

Clear Lake: A few northern pike are being caught. Fishing pressure has been low.

Fish Lake: No fishing activity.

School: Anglers are catching northern pike.

Round: A few northern pike are being caught.

Bullhead: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Light Goose: Most of the birds have left the county.

Spring Turkey: A good number of turkeys in the northern portion of the county, primarily the northwest. Hunters have found good success so far this spring.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: No activity.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Fishing success wasn't great during the opening weekend. Anglers were catching a few fish though. It appeared that anglers fishing the northern half of the lake were having better success.

Summit Lake: There has been a few anglers fishing, but they aren't having a ton of success.

Hunters Quarry: No report of activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Turkey: Hunters have had good success thus far this spring. There are plenty of birds scattered throughout the county.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Angler activity has been slow this week due to the high winds. The boat fishermen have reported catching a couple walleye and northerns. The shore fishermen have mostly reported slow bites with an occasional northern or carp. **Reminder: There is a 15" minimum length on walleye**

Fedt Slough: No angler reports.

Three Buck: No angler reports.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Shore fishing has still been pretty popular in the evenings around the boat ramp. Fishermen have been catching a few keeper walleye with quite a few small fish mixed in.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Lake Mary/John: All three bodies of water have been very slow.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: There has been a decent walleye bite in the evenings. Anglers fishing from shore are having good luck with a jig and a minnow. Boat anglers are also having luck pitching jigs in the trees next to shore.

Cattail: A few nice walleye have been caught along the grade north of Fort Sisseton. The late night bite seems to produce the best fishing.

White: A few walleye have been caught in the evenings. The crappie bite remains slow.

West Stink Lake: No activity.

Roy: The main lake rock piles have produced some nice bass and walleye. Night anglers seem to be catching some nice sized walleye.

Clear: Some nice bass have been caught along with a few walleye and northern pike.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Most snow geese have left the area.

Turkey: The Turkey hunters found good success over the weekend. The birds are really responding to calls in the mornings. Scouting seems to be the key to success. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Mina: Activity has been slow. A few northern pike have been caught.

Scatterwood: No activity.

Long: No activity.

Eureka: Fishing has been slow.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Snow geese have moved out of the area.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Walleye bite is good throughout the lake. Most guys are pitching jigs into the shallows, but some anglers are having luck pulling spinners. A few anglers caught catfish as well.

Dry Wood Lake: Shore fishermen are finding a few walleye and northern pike. Anglers are also finding walleyes pitching jigs and Rapala's towards shore from boats. **Be sure to pick up a tribal license if you access the lake or fish from the tribal land.**



Hunting report:

Turkey: Hunters are having good luck finding birds. Some toms are harder to call in since they have a bunch of hens with them already.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: The evening bite has been good over the last week. Anglers are catching good numbers of walleye on the north shore.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity.

Cottonwood Lake: The walleye bite is still fairly good in the evening. Anglers are catching fish all around the lake.

Redfield Lake: No activity.